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Chinese Patent Publication No. CN 1368724, together with an English language Abstract of the same and patent family member U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0105869; and

Chinese Patent Publication No. CN 1173710, together with an English language Abstract of the same and patent family member U.S. Patent No. 5,946,443.

The relevance of each document, is set forth in the Chinese Office Action.

Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patent and the U.S. patent application publication are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

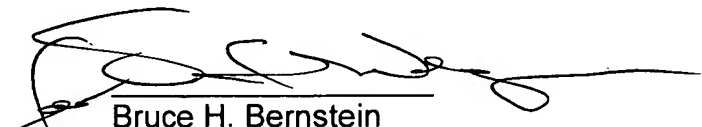
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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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